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NEW JERSEY - Congressman John Adler announced that he has helped secure \$16.7 million in funding for his district. These projects are contained in the Omnibus Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2009 [H.R. 1105]. The bill is expected to be voted on in the House of Representatives, and Congressman Adler will be supporting the bill.

"I will always fight to make sure that our area receives its fair share of federal funding. New Jersey's middle class families pay too much in taxes to Washington, and I want to make sure that our region is not shortchanged," Adler said. "I appreciate my predecessor, Congressman Saxton, for spearheading these projects, and I am pleased to be able to help pass this funding."

Last year, Congress adjourned without completing the budget, which delayed the delivery of funding for key Southern New Jersey projects. As soon as Adler was sworn into office, he lobbied, in writing and in person, the Appropriations Committee and Congressional Leadership to fund projects in his district.

The projects contained in H.R. 1105 that will benefit Congressman Adler's district include: \$190,000 for the Deborah Heart and Lung Center in Browns Mill.

Funding will be used for the Women's Cardiovascular Wellness Center for the facilities and equipment; \$381,000 for the Lourdes Medical Center of Burlington County in Willingboro. Funding will be purchasing equipment to improve detection and treatment of breast cancer; \$534,375 for a Final Environmental Impact Statement for Monmouth- Ocean-Middlesex (MOM) County Passenger Rail Line; \$250,000 for law enforcement communications equipment for Cherry Hill Township in Cherry Hill New Jersey; \$1,500,000 for the Mount Laurel Challenger Learning Center at Burlington County College in Mount Laurel.

The funding will be used to equip a NASA Classroom of the Future at the College; \$96,000 for the New Jersey Shoreline Alternative Long-Term Nourishment Study (Army Corps of Engineers). The funding will be used to conduct a feasibility study to evaluate methods to managing New Jersey's coastal projects on a regional basis to ensure maximum benefits are achieved from the federal investment and reduce long-term periodic beach nourishment costs; \$277,000 for the Delaware River Basin Comprehensive (Army Corps of Engineers). The funding will study and evaluate alternative solutions to the region's constant flooding problems along the Delaware River; \$888,000 for the New Jersey Intracoastal Waterway (Army Corps of Engineers). The funding maintains the 117-mile inland waterway; \$11,700,000 for the Barnegat Inlet to Little Egg Harbor Inlet project (Army Corps of Engineers). The funding will be used to provide hurricane and storm erosion protection with a beach-fill and dune along the oceanfront of Long Beach Island; \$427,000 for the Barnegat Inlet project (Army Corps of Engineers). The project will create a channel to connect Barnegat Light Harbor with the main inlet channel; \$451,000 for the Marucci Center for Blueberry and Cranberry Research and Extension. This funding will be used to help New Jersey's blueberry and cranberry farmers by investigating

ways to minimize fertilizer use, find beneficial uses for the fruit, research new and improved blueberry and cranberry varieties and research possible diseases for the fruits.

Funding for these projects is not final until the Senate passes, and President Obama signs, the Omnibus Appropriations Act into law.